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5H, TANZANIA. Dave, K8MN (currently signing OH2/K8MN), reports to OPDX that he will be leaving Helsinki on July 9th and will be in the U.S. until near the end of August. After his short stay in the U.S., Dave will be in **Tanzania** for **three years**. As in the past, his activity (with no particular schedule) will be on 160-6 meters including all WARC bands. Operations on CW and SSB will be the predominate modes with RTTY thrown in from time to time. QSLs go to WA8JOC.

7O, YEMEN. Zoli, HA5PP, sent out a new release early Sunday morning (June 21st) stating he has been communicating with the Deputy Minister (of Telecommunications) in Sana'a Yemen. He reports that they really want to "start/establish hamradio in Yemen..." (which Zoli states "that was the first big surprise to me there... Before I calculated a big contention/fighting about hamradio there.) Zoli has been given an application and has supplied an offer to the Deputy Minister. In it, Zoli has offered to build 4 complete stations in **Sana'a, Taiz and Aden**. He has also offered to conduct education class of hamradio (QSO, rules, etc) for the Yemenis between September 1st and December 1st. Zolis also mentioned that he made a promise to the Secretary of IARU to help Yemen to join the IARU. He has requested 7O8DX and 7O8CW callsigns for the two stations in Sana'a to operate during the education period (for Aden he requested 7O1A). Zoli reports his second big surprise happend when he found out that the Deputy Minister knew/spoke (a little...) Hungarian stating, "Mr. Zoli I like your application...you will be the first (one of the million, Hi) foreigner operator in Yemen. The first op will be a Yemeni op...foreigner only after Yemeni ops"... Zoli was told that there are a lot of applications from other hams who would like to operate from 7O-land. Zoli requested them to not lose those applicants and that he promised to collect all the hams of the world who want to help (and to operate from) Yemen. So, Zoli states if you want to help, please, contact him by E-mail at: navus@mail.matav.hu He would like to go back to Sana'a as soon as possible and wants to thank K4TKM and the NCDXF who made the 7O-trip possible!

A5, BHUTAN. Plans for an A5 operation continue. Specific dates are not set yet, but they are

hoping to conduct an operation sometime next year, perhaps in February or March. The principal organizer is Zorro, JH1AJT, with other U.S., European, Japanese, and Oceanic operators included. According to Zorro, JH1AJT, permission for the operation has been granted. Frank, AH0W/OH2LVG, who received a message from Zorro Friday morning, states that it appears Zorro will prepared an announcement with the full details of the operation sometime in July.

CARIBBEAN ACTIVITY PLANNED. Look for the "Uruguay DX Group" and the "Centro Radioaficionados Montevideo" in another joint-venture to activate some Caribbean islands this coming **July** and **August**. They will start their activity as **XF3/CX3AN** from **Cozumel Island** (IOTA **NA-045**) **July 9-13th**. They will then continue on as **VP5/CX3AN** and **VP5/CX4CR** from **Providenciales** (IOTA **NA-002**) **Caicos Island July 18-27th** (2 operators active). The final leg planned will be on the air as **VP2ECR** (operator **CX4CR**) from **Anguilla, August 3-10th**. Activity will be on all band including WARC bands with special emphasis on 40 and 80 meters in the usual DX-windows.. QSL Manager will be Gustavo Sanchez, CX3CE, Box 244, Montevideo Uruguay. (Do Not use the 1998 Callbook).

CE0, EASTER ISLAND. Ed, K8VIR, currently active as **FO0HAR**, will be going here around **June 24th or 25th**. His callsign has not been mentioned, but keep a look out. QSL via home callsign.

EI, IRELAND. Jose, EA4ECF, reports to OPDX that he will be in Ireland from **July 2th to August 8th**. During his stay, he will be on the air as **EI/EA4ECF**, on CW, SSB AND RTTY, on all the bands. QSL via EA4ECF. Meanwhile, "The 59(9) DXReport" states Tom, W0GLG and XYL Glenys will be active as **EI4VVF** and **EI4VVF/P** from **Inishmann Island (EU-006)** in **July** while on holiday. Activity will be on 80-10 meters SSB.

HK0, MALPELO. The Malpelo 1998 DXpedition Committee (HK0TU) announced the following in a press release: "Please be informed that the **official 1999 Malpelo DX pedition** is now well underway. Operation has been planned **between September and November** of 1999. This expedition is totally backed by the LCRA (Liga Colombiana de Radioaficionados). Complete details will be given on a later date. This is the 1st official statement regarding this DXpedition, and we will continue to give statements regarding this matter by these same means."

IOTA NEWS.....

- **NA-111.** Bob/N2OO and John/N2LD plan to operate as **N2OO portable** from **Long Beach Island** (USI NJ001S) during the **IOTA contest July 25-26th**. QSL via N2OO, PO Box 345, Tuckerton, NJ 08087-0345.
- Didier/F6ELE and Bertrand/F6HKA will be in Canada (VE2/) from **July 9-23rd**. During the month of July, they will be active from the following IOTA islands: **Sept Iles (NA-125) July 9-11th**, **Mingan (NA-176) July 12-14th** (while here, they will also try to be active from **Anticosti NA-077**), **Harrington (NA-084) July 17-18th**, and **Bonaventure (NA-177) July 21-23rd**. They will have 2 stations with them with a beam and dipoles. QSL to their home call direct or bureau.
- Jack, F6BUM, will be active from **Sardinia** as **IS0/F6BUM (IOTA EU-024)** from **July 27th to August 13th**. He will also try to be in **San Pietro (EU-165)** from **August 7-8th**.
- Serge, F6AUS, will be active from **Corsica's coastal islands** as **TK/F6AUS** from **July**

2-29th. He will be active from **Lavezzi (EU-164)** and **Cerbicales (EU-100)** during this period. He will try to be active during the **IOTA contest** from an island from **EU-164**.

- **NA-187.** Norm, N6JV, will try to be active as **N6JV/p** from **White Rock** on **July 3 or 4th**. The tide, surf and fog conditions will determine days/time of operation. He suggests that about 1800z will probably be a good target time. Operation will be on battery power with an IC-706 Mk2 and a vertical antenna. Watch 14260, 14040, 7260, and 7040 on SSB and CW. QSL via home address.

OTHER GUAM DXER LEAVES. Gary, **K9AW/KH2** (aka NH2G, KH2L, NY6M/KH2) will be leaving Guam in few weeks and retiring to the Philippines. Gary was by far THE most active HF operator on Guam, having worked hundreds of thousands of stations on HF from Guam. Jim, KH2D, reports "Ham Radio" in KH2 (and KH0-land) is at an all time low, mainly speaking HF operators (the rest carry their shack on their belt). Jim suggests the downfall has to do with the military downsizing which started a few years ago. This cost Guam most of their Dxers and contesters. He states that they have lost five HF operators in the past six months, including K9AW. Currently in Guam, there are two active HF operators (**N2NL/KH2** and **KH2D**) and in Saipan, one active HF operator (WH0AAV). In the fall of last year, the remaining few HF operators have decided to form a club called **Mariana Islands DX Association** that would unite the hams in Guam and Saipan, and would attempt to promote HF operating to the "new" hams. For more details on MIDXA, visit their Web page at: <http://www.guam.net/pub/midxa/>

OD, LEBANON. Jim, **OD5PN**, has been found to be active over the last week on 15 and 20 meters SSB. Check 14223, 21205 and 21245 kHz between 1330 and 1430z, and again around 2000z. QSL via LX1NO. Meanwhile, "The 59(9) DXReport" states Jean-Pierre, F6FLV, is active as **OD5RAK** until **June 30th**.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- **H40AA/H44DX** QSL release at Friedrichshafen. H40AA and H44DX QSL cards will be released to the public for the first time at the **Friedrichshafen Ham Convention** by OH2BE, OH2BH and OH2TA as follows:

DARC DX DEPARTMENT, QSL CORNER
Friday, 26 June, 1 P.M. thru 6 P.M.
Saturday, 27 June, 10 A.M. thru 2 P.M.

GERMAN DX FOUNDATION - GDXF
Saturday, 27 June, 2 P.M.
thru 4 P.M.

Finally, cards will be issued following the 4 P.M. H40AA presentation by OH2BH & OH2TA at the DX Meeting. You are welcome to pick up your QSL cards and meet these H40AA team members during one of the above sessions.

- **UPDATE.** The logs for **3W6KA**, **3W6LK**, and **3W6WE** are available for online checking. The URL is: <http://njdx.org/log-check.shtml>
- Correction! Alan, **3C5I**, reported that OPDX.345 (Feb.28th) had an incorrect QSL address listed for him. The correct address is: Alan Isaachsen, c/o Mobil Equatorial Guinea, P. O. Box 139082, Dallas, TX 75313. (ed. The PO Box needed one more digit!)
- **QSL CHANGE.** QSL **BI4Q** from Ping Island via BY4RSA, not to 9A2AJ. BI4Q has a Web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/jsdxc/index.html>
- **MORE LOG SEARCHES via the WEB.** A new log search containing Mike's (K3UOC) entire logs for **7Z5OO** and also operations from **PJ5AA** have been add to the following Web site: <http://www.qsl.net/n6ed/7z5oo.html> 7Z5OO was active from

November 11, 1994, through May 31, 1998. He is now QRT. PJ5AA was active during April, 1996, January, 1997, and January, 1998.

SPECIAL EVENT. Ed, ZS6Y, reports that he will be active **until July 31st** as **ZS80NRM**. This special call sign has been issued to celebrate the **80th birthday of President Nelson Mandela**. Activity will be on 10, 15 and 20 meters with operations on CW/SSB/SSTV. QSL via ZS6Y: Etienne Swart, P.O. Box 12, Strubens Valley, 1735, South Africa. Ed states, "Please SASE w/green stamps, cannot use IRCs, SRI!"

SPECIAL EVENT. The Noble County ARC will activate **KB8YWE** (call subject to change) from 1300z to 1900z on **September 26th and 27th**. SSB operations will take place on the following alternating frequencies: 28450, 21350, 14290, 7275 and 3900 kHz. The station is commemorating the **first oil well drilled in North America in 1814** and still in existence. This well is located in Noble Co., Ohio. Please send a 9" X 12" SASE for certificate to Noble Co. Amateur Radio Club, c/o Paul Wallace, 816 Main St., Caldwell, Ohio 43724.

SPECIAL EVENT. The USS Salem Radio Club is sponsoring a "Museum Ship Special Event". There will be about **15 or 20 museum ships** from around the world coming on the air on **July 18 and 19th**. If you contact two or more of these ships, send your log info to Robert Callahan (W1QWT), 56 Acorn St. Scituate, Ma. 02066, and you will be sent a certificate. Please provide a SASE suitable for a 8 by 12 certificate. Check out the WEB page <http://www.ziplink.net/~rcal/salem/> or <http://www.uss-salem.org> for more info.

S0, WESTERN SAHARA (S07WW update!). Ghis, ON5NT, reports that Mark, ON5WW, is leaving for S0 early Sunday morning (June 21st), and he expects to be active the same evening. So, by the time you read this Mark should be on the air. He will leave S0 either this coming Thursday or Friday.

U.S. COUNTIES NEEDED. Uli, ZS6IR, requested OPDX to publish that he will be active from **July 5-28th**, looking for **US counties** once again. Any specific informations or suggestions for frequencies and times would be very much appreciated and can be sent to: VonAswegen@aol.com

V2, ANTIGUA & BARBUDA. Tom, GM4FDM, states that he and a Scottish crew will activate **V26VG** during the **IOTA Contest, July 25/26th**. QSL to GM3UTQ direct or bureau. After the contest the crew will be active using their **own call signs /V2**. QSL for these contacts go to their home calls. Their priority will be given to WARC bands after the contest.

VP5, TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS. The "DX News Sheet" reports that George, N2GA, and Diane, K2DO, will be active **July 8-14th** as **VP5/N2GA** and **VP5/K2DO** from **Providenciales Island**. Activity will be on CW/SSB and an entry during the **IARU HF World Championship** as **VP5GA**. QSL via home calls.

VP5/K5YG TRIP CANCELLED. Bill, K5YG, and his XYL Susan were supposed to make a trip to the Turks and Caicos Islands from where he was going to be active as VP5/K5YG during June 14-20th. This operations is now cancelled due to the sudden passing of Bill's daughter (35 years old). OPDX will like to send out our deepest condolences to Bill and his family.

WP2, VIRGIN ISLANDS. A newly formed DX club in Northeast Florida called the "Florida

DXPedition Group", is planning to go to **St. Croix** and be active in this year's **CQWW SSB Contest** as **WP2Z**. Some of the members of this group are the same operators who were active as C6AJT from the Bahamas in the 1997 CQWW SSB Contest. By the way, this group states that their goal is be active from a different place each year. For more info on this group, send an E-mail to: dxpg@ac4et.ampr.org (addressed Attn: Secretary)

YO8, ROMANIA. A Romania and Moldova team are planning an expedition to **Toaca Rock** (QTH-KN36AX) **June 27th to July 7th**. Operators included YO8CT, YO8CGH, ER1AN, ER1BF and ER1AU. Activity is planned for all HF bands and 50/144/430/1296 MHz with the special callsign **YO8KVS/p**. QSL via Romania QSL bureau. To get more information (pictures and map) on this Expedition, check out the Web page: <http://members.xoom.com/kc2cjb/yo&er.html> Or contact via E-mail to: YO8CT cristiyo@mail.rtns.ro -- ER1AN er1an@acad.moldnet.md

ZF2, CAYMAN ISLANDS. John, ZF2JI, reports that a group of VE amateurs expressed an interest to be active from here as a Single OP/Multit-Band effort in this year's **CQWW SSB Contest**. Operations will take place from Andrew's (ZF2EJ) QTH. QSL via KG6AR, Chris Williams, 1117 S. Del Mar Ave., San Gabriel, CA 91776-3034.

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